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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD COMMENT ON LONDON TIMES  
ARTICLE

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS HAS PICKED UP LONDON TIMES SCIENCE  
CORRESPONDENT PEARCE WRIGHT ARTICLE AUGUST 20 SUGGESTING SOUTH  
AFRICA MIGHT DEVELOP NUCLEAR WEAPONS BASED ON ITS CLAIMED NEW  
URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROCESS. AS REPORTED LOCALLY, ARTICLE ALSO  
SPECULATED THAT PROCESS IS SIMILAR TO "COUNTER-CURRENT TECHNIQUE  
WHICH HAS SO FAR BEEN USED ONLY IN LABORATORY WORK IN EUROPE".

2. AFTERNOON PRETORIA NEWS (AUGUST 21) QUOTES DR. ROUX, SA AEB  
PRESIDENT, AS REJECTING REPORT AS "UNMISTAKABLY MALICIOUS".  
JOHANNESBURG STAR QUOTES ROUX: "INSOFAR AS THE REPORT RELATES  
TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN ENRICHMENT PROCESS AND THE DEVELOPMENTS  
IN SOUTH AFRICA FOR PEACFUL PURPOSES BASED ON IT, EVERY SENTENCE  
IS SHEER SPECULATION WHICH IS OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT DAMAGING  
SOUTH AFRICA'S OBJECTIVIES ON THE ONE HAND, AND ON THE OTHER,  
ATTEMPTING TO ELICIT COMMENT IN HOPE THAT BY SO DOING  
VALUABLE INFORMATION WILL BE PUBLISHED. IN VIEW OF THIS  
THERE IS NOTHING TO SAY."

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3. FYI: ROUX DEPARTS SA END THIS WEEK FOR ANNUAL TOUR INCLUDING

IAEA MEETINGS, SCHEDULED RETURN TO SA OCTOBER 6.  
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